

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend as follows the paragraph beginning on page ¹² ~~11~~ at line ⁴ ~~17~~:

AI Figure 2 illustrates portions of a Contention Free Period (CFP) and a Contention Period (CP) defined in the IEEE 802.11 specification. As set forth in the specification, the contention free period, here shown at ~~62~~ 72, is defined to be a period during which random access of communications between mobile stations 12 and the access point 14 is not permitted. Rather, during the contention free period, the access point 14 determines which mobile stations are permitted to transmit data. A Point Coordinator (PC) is implemented at the access point to perform functions of a polling master to make the determinations of channel allocations to individual ones of the mobile stations.